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P. C. Newsletter

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"CAM" KIRBY PREDICTS P.C. SWEEP

Our Leader, just back from a tour of the Peace River area, found fantastic enthusiasm and predicts a P.C. sweep of the Peace River ridings.

He has reported as follows:

"I have just returned from a most encouraging visit to the Peace River area, where I attended four Nominating Conventions, held on four successive days. The situation from the point of view of our Party there is most remarkable. All of the Conventions were well attended by a representative cross section of voters.

The organization work preceding these Conventions was exceptionally well carried out, there was great enthusiasm and excellent candidates were nominated.

At Manning four candidates sought the nomination, at a Convention attended by more than 75 people. The successful candidate was Hal Sisson, a young lawyer of Peace River, who has been active in community affairs.

At Fairview, following a dinner, 75 people gathered in the hotel for a Nominating Convention, at which two candidates were nominated. Bill Hrab withdrew and the nomination went by acclamation to Benny Griep, funeral director, who has lived in the Peace River country all his life. Bill Hrab was later elected President of the Dunvegan Constituency Ass'n.

Benny Griep was campaign manager for G. W. Baldwin, M.P., in the 1957 and 1958 federal campaigns, during which he demonstrated outstanding organizational ability.

Conservative supporters in Dunvegan Constituency gathered at a luncheon at Hines Creek the following day at noon. In the afternoon, a Nominating Convention was held at Spirit River, with an attendance of approximately 200. Three candidates were nominated the winner being Charles J. Stogan, who operates a garage at Sexsmith.

On Wednesday, after a supper attended by 35 persons at Falher, a Nominating Convention for Grouard Constituency was held at McLennan, where 75 persons selected Paul Soulo dre by acclamation. On Thursday, 40 persons attended a luncheon at High Prairie.

We have four outstanding candidates nominated in this area, all of them under 40 years of age, three of them with war service records in the R.C.A.F. The most significant thing throughout all of these Conventions was the enthusiasm and confidence shown by all who took part. There is no doubt that we four winners in these constituencies."

BILL BROWN APPOINTED ORGANIZER

Bill Brown of Red Deer has been given responsibility for organizing the Central Alberta area, comprising the constituencies of Rocky Mountain House, Red Deer, Olds, Stettler, Didsbury, Hand Hills, and Acadia-Coronation. This area is very important. It is imperative that we develop strong organizations in these ridings. Our Leader will appreciate the full co-operation of all Conservatives in these areas with Mr. Brown. These ridings could give the strongest P.C. support in the Province. All we need is careful planning and development.

JOHN LEES OF WARNER TO ORGANIZE

We are developing a very fine team of organizers. It is with pleasure we also announce the appointment of John Lees as organizer for the ridings of Cardston, Warner, Lethbridge and Taber. These southern constituencies are coming along and with the assistance of John and the co-operation of the Constituency

cy Executives, we should have good solid support.

JOHN ACKLAND TO ORGANIZE

John Ackland has been appointed to work with the Constituency Executives in Cypress, Medicine Hat and Bow-Valley Empress ridings.

STRATHCONA WEST WOMEN ORGANIZE

A good crowd of ladies met at the home of Dr. Arnold Lane recently to organize a women's group. Mrs. J.A.L. Smith is President; Mrs. C. A. Lazerte Vice President; Mrs. J. A. Storey is Secretary Treasurer; Committee chairmen are: Social, Mrs. M. E. Manning; Membership, Mrs. L.V. Mitchell; Telephone, Mrs. W.E. Stewart and Mrs. E.W. Atkins. Next meeting is at home of Mrs. M.E. Manning, Dec. 6th at 8 p.m.

CANDIDATES A number of constituencies have already selected their candidate and already there is an indication of the calibre of candidate coming forward. Enthusiasm is developing and nomination meetings are being well attended and lively, with two or more nominees in most ridings.

TABER 75 attended an enthusiastic nominating meeting, which followed a dinner in honor of our Leader, "Cam" Kirby. Leslie P. Cluff, school principal of Taber was nominated. Chas. Moore, President of the Cypress P.C. Association, chaired the meeting. Les Cluff is coach of the famous Sizzlers, a spelling team that appears weekly on CJLH-TV. Guests included Dr. J.S. Stewart, E.W. Brunsden, M.P., Deane Gundlock, M.P. - Mrs. John Hector, Secretary, reports that interest is growing.

CALGARY BOWNESS A close contest between James Hannah and Bruce Morris enlivened this Nominating Convention. Bruce Morris won. Bruce is a councillor on the Bowness Town Council and has been active in the community.

GALGARY GLENMORE Ernest Watkins, M.L.A., was nominated by acclamation. He was a candidate for the Leadership and won a place for himself as one of

the Party stalwarts. He is presently Chairman of the Policy Committee. PEACE RIVER Hal Sisson, lawyer of Peace River was elected over three other candidates. News of these ridings appear elsewhere. Sisson is a competent and colorful candidate. DUNVEGAN Lots of enthusiasm and activity here, too. Benny Griep, funeral director, won the nomination. Benny is a personable and competent young man and has done a first-class job of organizing the constituencies in the Peace River area.

GROUARD 75 people were on hand at McLennan for a rousing Convention. 34 year old Paul Souloudre of Donnelly was nominated.

SPIRIT RIVER 200 people were on hand at Spirit River. 38 year old Charles J. Stogan of Sexsmith won over three other nominees.

NOMINATION MEETINGS

With the call going out to have rural riding nominations as soon as possible, the pace is increasing. With these Nomination Meetings getting enthusiastic support across the province, we should see increased activity. We know that the enthusiasm of the Nominating Conventions will influence men of top calibre to stand. Your Executive and your Nominating Convention Committee should make sure that the top men throughout the constituency are approached to stand for nomination.

WETASKIWIN Nov. 26th, I.O.O.F. Hall, Wetaskiwin, 8 p.m.

OKOTOKS-HIGH RIVER Nov. 26, Memorial Hall, 2.30 p.m.

FT. MACLEOD Dec. 2, Town Hall Ft. Macleod, 8 p.m.

PINCHER CREEK-CROWS NEST Dec. 3rd at Blairmore

LETHBRIDGE Dec. 10th at Lethbridge

CALGARY WEST Dec. 10th at Richmond School

MCDONALD CARTIER CLUB, EDMONTON

J. Percy Page, M.L.A., President of the McDonald Cartier Club in Edmon-

ton has announced that Mayor E. A. Toshach of Drumheller, who was a Leadership candidate, will be the main speaker at the Club's monthly luncheon on Tues. Dec, 2nd, at 12.15 noon. Everybody welcome.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION. P.R. Committee has sent a form to all constituency presidents, for the use of candidates when nominated. This information is needed for P.R. and office work. Will you return form immediately after Nomination Meeting, also send 2 black and white glossyprints, to Bill Pettigrew, Box 712, Edmonton.

Y.P.C. NEWSPAPER POSSIBILITY

Y.P.C. officials are endeavoring to work out plans for a monthly news release. If present plans develop, "Your YPC. Newsletter" may appear once monthly. Watch for further news on this.

CLIPPING SERVICE We are working out a plan to centralize news items by having someone in each area responsible for clipping political news and advertising. Medicine Hat and Calgary not yet set up. At Letbridge its Arthur Spencer, at Edmonton Ernie Mardon.

ANNUAL MEETING The Provincial Executive Committee has set the date for this important Annual Meeting. The gathering will be in the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, on Jan. 5th and 6th. Roy Deyell, James Hannah and Henry Beaumont are in charge of arrangements. All Progressive Conservatives are invited. This should be the largest gathering of Alberta Conservatives the West has ever seen. Business includes Election of Officers and presentation of Constitution Amendments. Mark this date in your January memo book.

PUBL ICITY & NEWS Our P.R. Director was commenting on P.C. news items. "I look at the Journal and Herald country news sections, and at a good

many rural newspapers. Havn't seen too much space covering our activities. You no doubt know that local people in the rural areas can get news into the Journal, Herald and weekly newspapers much more readily than outside sources."

Summing up, every Conservative Executive should take responsibility for getting news of meetings, teas, conventions, etc., into the local newspaper.

PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Committee met again at Red Deer on Nov. 9th. Present were President Roy Deyell, Leader "Cam" Kirby, Co-ordinator Alan Lazerte, Organizer John Gregor, P. R. Director Bill Pettigrew, Policy Chairman Ernest Watkins, Secretary Miss P. L. Pue, Mrs. W. H. Pettigrew and Eric Geddes of Edmonton, Bert Pallister of Westlock, Doug Caston of Edson, Jim Hannah, Henry Beaumont and Jack Leslie of Calgary, Arthur Spencer of Magrath and Benny Griep, area co-ordinator for Peace River. Reports and activities discussed at the Meeting appear throughout the Newsletter.

Nominees at Peace River Convention included Logan Sherris of Nampa; William McClarty of Manning and J.A. Strome of North Star. Nominees at Spirit River included Ernest White of Rycroft and H. E. Debolt of Spirit River.

DRUMHELLER We have a very nice letter from Ian Toshach, Mayor of Drumheller. He gives a comprehensive report on the Drumheller situation. His organization is making good progress and when the time comes, our candidate there will get good support.

ZONES The Province has been divided into eighteen Zones for better communication. Alan Lazerte, co-ordinator, had a meeting of Zone representatives at Vegreville last week, and every Zone was represent-

presented. Considering distances to be travelled, that was remarkable, and proves the interest of these workers. A worth while meeting was held and Zone representatives will be reporting back to Presidents in their Zone.

ZONES

1.	Peace River area	Benny Griep	Fairview
2.	Pembina, Athabasca, Lac La Biche	Norman Jack	Colinton
3.	St. Paul, Bonnyville, Redwater	Mrs. G. Laboucane	St. Paul
4.	Edson, Stony Plain, Lac Ste Anne	Ken McKay	Seba Beach
5.	Leduc, Wetaskiwin, Ponoka, Lacombe		
6.	Willingdon, Vegreville	Henry Kowalchuk	Willingdon
7.	Vermilion, Alexander, Bruce	Don Wilson	Vermilion
8.	Wainwright, Sedgewick, Camrose		
9.	Edmonton	Dr. Arnold Lane	Edmonton
10.	Red Deer, Rocky Mt. House, Olds, Didsbury	Bill Brown	Red deer
11.	Banff-Cochrane, Gleichen, Drumheller	John Van Wezel	Strathmore
12.	Acadia-Coronation, Stettler, Hand Hills		
13.	Okotoks-High River, Pincher Creek-Crows Nest, Macleod	Ted Kreutzer	Ft. Macleod
14.	Taber, Bow Valley-Empress		
15.	Warner, Cardston	John Lees	Warner
16.	Lethbridge	Thomas Spanos	Lethbridge
17.	Cypress, Medicine Hat	Charles Moore	Seven Persons
18.	Calgary	Jim Ferguson	Calgary

ZONE MEETING POINTS OF INTEREST

1. Necessity of holding rural Nominating Conventions before Christmas, due to probable election in March.
2. Every effort should be made to organize Conventions that are representative of the entire constituency. Determine and make known who can vote. It is suggested that every member have a vote. Give notice of not less than two weeks.
3. Zone contacts are to be liaison between Zones and Provincial H.Q.
4. Reminder to send Policy and Platform suggestions to Ernest Watkins, 31 Hollinsworth Bldg. Calgary.
5. Every effort should be made to make tenure of yearly membership uniform throughout the Province.
6. Everyone agreed that these meetings were worth while and that more should be held.

FEDERAL M. P. SUPPORT

We note that Federal Members of Parliament are assisting the various Constituencies throughout the Province - Brunsden, Gundlock, Kindt, Baldwin, Skoreyko, Lambert, Horner, Smith, Woolliams, Rogers, Bigg. All these men have been working. If you have not thought about using your M.P., he could be useful. He knows a lot of people, has campaign experience. He won't push his way in, but your M.P. is willing to assist you wherever he can.

While in the Peace River area, Don Boyce, Fairview Post, arranged for Cam Kirby to have a photograph taken for a newspaper cut. Have seen the proof and it is good. Thanks Don!

Mr. & Mrs. Leo Toone



Clareholm, Alberta.

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| 4. Edson, Stony Plain, Lac Ste. Anne | Ken MacKay | Edson Beach |
| 5. Leduc, Waskatchewan, Ponoka, Lacombe | Henry Kowalski | Willingdon |
| 6. Vermilion, Verreuil | Don Wilson | Vermilion |
| 7. ... | ... | ... |
| 8. ... | ... | ... |
| 9. Edmonton | ... | ... |
| 10. Red Deer, Rocky Mt. House, Olds, Didsbury | Bill Brown | Red Deer |
| 11. Garry-Cochrane, Gleichen, Drumheller | John Van Wazer | Strathmore |
| 12. Assiniboia-Coronation, Estevan, Hanna | ... | ... |
| 13. Millet | ... | ... |
| 14. Okotoks-High River, Pincher Creek | Ted Kewitzer | Pt. MacLeod |
| 15. Grouse Mountain, Macleod | John Lees | Werner |
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